

North American Phalanx  
northeast of Colts Neck on  
County Road 537  
Phalanx  
Monmouth County  
New Jersey

HABS No. NJ-842

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New Jersey		COUNTY Monmouth	TOWN OR VICINITY Phalanx
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) North American Phalanx			HABS NO. NJ-842
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) northeast of Colts Neck on County Road 537			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1849-1852		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown: based on plans and drawings in the works of Charles Fourier and Albert Brisbane	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This building is all which remains of the North American Phalanx, a utopian, communitarian complex established following the precepts of utopian planner, Charles Fourier. Of the Fourierite communities, this was the wealthiest and longest lasting.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Vernacular			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 3-story, 5-bay main unit; 2-story, 10-bay wing (portion of wing collapsed); gable roofs with cross gable on main unit; 1-story, 5-bay porch on southwest facade.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE 5 entrances, with simple, classically inspired surrounds; wide, bracketed eaves			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Interior laid out in duplex units; sliding double doors; simple woodwork			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Main unit dates from 1849; wing dates from 1851-1852. Partially destroyed by fire in 1972.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed on National Register of Historic Places. Bassett, William B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey of New Jersey</u> . 1977.			
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